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SUBJECT: OPERATION CLEARVIEW/SEAM 75: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS FOR
FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 6, 1975

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1. ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION SUMMARY

A. ALL PHASES OF THE 1975 CAMPAIGN ARE IN FULL SWING.
ERADICATION RESULTS HAVE INCREASED, BUT ARRESTS AND SEIZURES
AT ROAD BLOCKS HAVE DECREASED CONSIDERABLY.

B. ALL BUT ONE AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO CULIACAN IS OPERATING
(E.E., FOUR 212'S, FOUR 206'S AND FOUR CESSNAS), AND
ADVANCE BASES ARE BEING UTILIZED BY AIRCREWS, MFJP AGENTS
AND MILITARY.

C. MISSIONS ARE BEING FLOWN BY "COMPASS TRIP" BUT THE OUTPUT
FROM THESE MISSIONS IS NOT BEING USED EFFECTIVELY.

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D. A SMALL HEROIN LABORATORY WAS SEIZED ON MARCH 1 , 1975

IN COLONIA TIERRA BLANCA, CULIACAN, SINALOA, MEXICO.

2. STATISTICS

A. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR WEEK:

OPIUM POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED - 326
SQ. METERS UNDER CULTIVATION
DESTROYED 1,687,339 M(2)

TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED 20,555,889

MARIJUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED 111
SQ. METERS UNDER CULTIVATION
DESTROYED 233,496,M(2)

TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED 6,497,176

MIXED PLANTATIONS (MARIJUANA AND POPPIES)

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED -8
SQ. METERS UNDER CULTIVATION
DESTROYED - 10,260 M(2)

TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED - 318,520

B. CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS

OPIUM POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED - 1,900
SQ. METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED - 5,074,692

TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED - 32,615,498

MARIJUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED - 1,135
SQ. METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED - 2,943,737

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED 124,957,281

MIXED PLANTATIONS (MARIJUANA AND POPPIES)

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PLANTATIONS DESTROYED - 116
SQ. METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED - 648,470

TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED - 28,855,743

C. INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

1 OUNCE OF HEROIN
140.360 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA

8 PERSONS ARRESTED
3 GUNS CONFISCATED
1 CAR AND 1 TRUCK WITH CAMPER SEIZED
MISCELLANEOUS LABORATORY EQUIPMENT SEIZED OR DESTROYED
50 METERS HOSE

D. CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION STATISTICS
NOT AVAILABLE

E. HEROIN LABORATORIES
ONE ADDITIONAL LABORATORY SEIZED, FOR TOTAL OF 8.

3. COMMENTS:

A. ALL PHASES OF THE 1975 CAMPAIGN ARE OPERATING AT FULL
SPEED AND RESULTS ARE ENCOURAGING. THE PROMISED ADDITIONAL
MILITARY TROOPS HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN YET.

B. THE BASE AT CHOIX, SINALOA IS BEING USED TO HOUSE MFJP
AGENTS, PILOTS AND MILITARY. THE BASES AT TOPIA, DURANGO
AND SAN JOSE DEL LLANO, SINALOA ARE NOT BEING USED AT ALL.
HOWEVER, MESA LARGA IS BEING USED AS AN ADVANCED OPERATING
BASE.

C. ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS OF THE MEXICAN OFFICIALS UNCHANGED
SINCE LAST REPORT. MORALE REMAINS GOOD AND GOM FORCES ARE
WORKING VERY HARD.

D. MANY DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN U.S. AND MEXICAN
OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE USE OF HERBICIDES ON
POPPIES AND MARIJUANA AND OFFICIAL SOUNDINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN
MADE IN MEXICO CITY.
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